IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MAJA-Maschinenfabrik Hermann Schill GmbH & Co. KG

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

February 5, 2004

Sir:

Please amend the newly submitted application described above as follows:

In the Specification:

The specification has been amended as shown in the section entitled "Specification Amendments".

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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims and add new claims as indicated in the section entitled Claim Amendments.

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as shown in the section entitled "Abstract Amendments".